



FTIR study of H-bonds cooperativity in complexes of 1,2-dihydroxybenzene with proton acceptors in aprotic solvents: Influence of the intramolecular hydrogen bond

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ABSTRACT

FTIR spectroscopic study of hydrogen bonding of 1,2-dihydroxybenzene (catechol) with proton acceptors has been carried out. The influence of intramolecular and intermolecular hydrogen bonds on the strengths of each other in complexes of 1,2-dihydroxybenzene with various proton acceptors has been analyzed. It was shown that intramolecular hydrogen bond is strengthened when 1,2-dihydroxybenzene interacts with bases (ethers, amines, nitriles, etc.) in inert solvents. The contribution of the cooperativity of intramolecular hydrogen bonds in the frequency of stretching vibrations of O–H groups linearly depends on the proton acceptor ability of the bases. The solvent effect on hydrogen bond cooperativity in 1,2-dihydroxybenzene–base complexes has been studied. The approach to determine the influence of cooperative effects on the formation of intermolecular complexes with 1,2-dihydroxybenzene is proposed. It was shown that the strength of intramolecular hydrogen bonds in the complexes of 1,2-dihydroxybenzene with bases due to cooperativity of interactions increases by 30–70%, and the strength of intermolecular hydrogen bond by 7–22%.

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1. Introduction

Hydrogen bonds (HB) have a significant influence on various physical, chemical and biological processes in condensed matter [1–3]. One of the main properties of hydrogen bonds is cooperativity, which refers to the strengthening of the hydrogen bond in multi-particle complex as compared with the hydrogen bond in complex of 1:1 stoichiometry [4,5]. Cooperative effects play a key role in supramolecular chemistry and biochemistry, and are the reason of association of polar groups in solution, as well as of the processes of molecular recognition [3,6–9].

To date, studies of cooperativity in systems with intermolecular hydrogen bonds, making use of theoretical and experimental methods have been carried out [10–19]. Approaches for assessing the cooperativity factors and the energy of cooperative hydrogen bonding have been developed [5,20–23]. Particularly, multi-particle complexes of monohydric aliphatic alcohols have been thoroughly studied [5,22–31].

Increasing the number of hydroxyl groups in the alcohol molecule creates the possibility of appearance of H-bonded complexes in solution, in which, in addition to the intermolecular

interactions, intramolecular hydrogen bonds are formed. Determination of quantitative parameters of cooperative effects in systems with intramolecular hydrogen bonds is an important task, since such bonds affect the properties of various molecules (e.g., polycarbohydrates, and polyphenols) in the condensed state [32–35]. In addition, intra-HB cooperativity affects the conformational state of supramolecular receptors such as calixarenes and resorcinarenes [36–38].

Intramolecular hydrogen bonds affect the ability of substances to intermolecular binding. In the work of Kuhn [39] the red frequency shift of the stretching vibration band of the intramolecular H-bonded O–H group of aliphatic diols in an inert solvent was recorded. This shift was caused by the addition of diethyl ether, which forms a hydrogen bond with the second hydroxyl group of diol molecules. A similar change in the strength of hydrogen bond was found by Spencer et al. [40,41] in the study of complexes of catechol and pyrogallol with various bases in carbon tetrachloride. Using the infrared spectral data obtained at different temperatures, Spencer et al. [40,41] found that the equilibrium constants and enthalpies of hydrogen bonds in these systems are significantly greater than in the complexes of phenol. For example, in the complex of tetrahydrofuran with catechol the equilibrium constant and enthalpy is equal to $K=27.7$ and $\Delta_{\text{HB}}H=-8.6 \text{ kcal} \times \text{mol}^{-1}$, while in the complex with phenol they are $K=13.5$ and $\Delta_{\text{HB}}H=-4.5 \text{ kcal} \times \text{mol}^{-1}$.

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